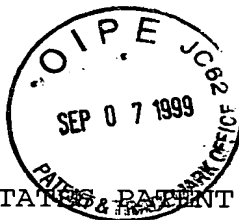


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Lars GULLBERG

Application No: 08/911,104

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Sir:

Further examination and consideration of this application
are requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Claim 1, rewrite as follows:

1.8 (Amended) A method for coupling a first shaft
provided with a flange having a through bore and a second
shaft provided with a flange having a blind bore aligned with
the through bore in the flange of the first shaft, said method
comprising:

(a) providing a coupling device including an adapting
bolt having an external tapered surface and an axial hole
which is internally threaded and is open at the narrower end
of the adapting bolt, the coupling device also including [and]
a cylindrical sleeve element having an internal tapered
surface corresponding to the external tapered surface of the
adapting bolt, the adapting bolt being within the sleeve
element,

(b) fitting the coupling device in the aligned bores so
that the narrower end of the adapting bolt is toward the